



Testimony of the
Connecticut Association of Ambulatory Surgery Centers
on
SB 23, An Act Concerning Site Neutral Payments
Before the Insurance Committee
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Good afternoon, Senator Larson, Senator Kelly, Rep. Scanlon and distinguished members of the Insurance Committee. As a proposed bill, SB 23, An Act Concerning Site Neutral Payments provides little detail in its current form. As you consider this kind of proposal, it is critical to be aware of the unintended consequences that are possible.

Connecticut's surgery centers already provide high-quality care at a fraction of the cost of other providers. As I'm sure you know, reimbursement never seems to increase for providers and as an industry, we cannot absorb another financial hit after the passage of the ASC Tax in 2015.

As the lower cost provider, Connecticut's surgery centers save patients millions in co-payments and deductibles every year and are an integral part of the health care delivery system.

It is critical that the bill before you today not compound the financial issues created by the Surgery Center Tax through the further reduction in payments to the state's surgery centers.

As the dialogue continues on the development of this proposal, I hope we will be included in the process to ensure there are no unintended consequences for our industry.

Thank you for your consideration.